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Members of Akka Force, who receive training from police officers, are coming to B'luru soon

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Woman meets man on social media but soon interaction spirals into cheating and blackmail, another woman tormented by obscene calls after her number is uploaded on web — how online platforms are spawning new forms of harassments against women

NASTY NETWORK ERROR

Do not share personal details, photos online, caution officials

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The rise in digital harassment cases has revealed a pattern of how women are being targeted and exploited online, through leaked numbers, image misuse, impersonation, and blackmail. Despite claims of stronger safety protocols, social media platforms continue to provide fertile ground for gendered abuse and manipulation, with offenders exploiting anonymity and platform loopholes to harass, threaten, and defraud women.

Two back-to-back cases

In one such case, a Bengaluru resident lodged a complaint after her mobile number was posted along with a stranger's photograph in a Facebook group titled "Bangalore Nightlife", which has nearly 37,000 followers. The post, shared on October 18, triggered a flood of obscene calls from unknown numbers, with callers soliciting sexual favours. The complainant said the act had gravely violated her privacy and sought strict legal action against those responsible for uploading and circulating the post.

While groups centred around nightlife, dating, or city hangouts may not always be directly involved, they often become convenient platforms for misuse. In this instance, the deliberate posting of the woman's number and an unrelated image appears to have been a targeted act of harassment, exposing her to online abuse before the post was eventually taken down. A case has been registered under Cyber Police station, East division and Police said an investigation

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> **"Victims are often left grappling with fear, humiliation, and social stigma, while tracing the origin of such acts remains challenging due to the anonymity and fluidity of social media accounts**
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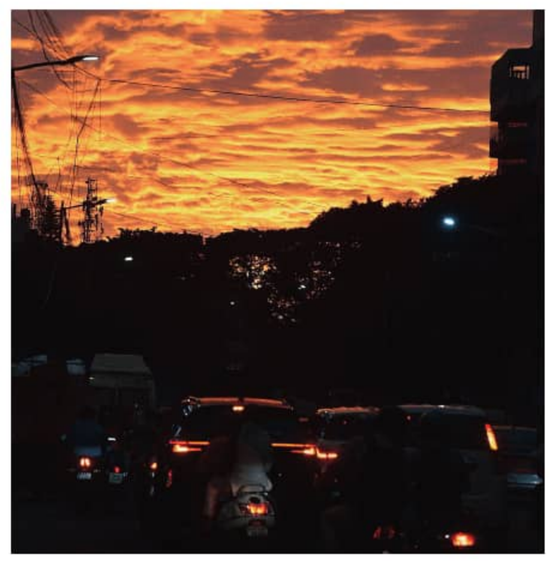
> —Psychologist

The air is heavy

Study conducted in 3 areas finds high levels of heavy metals in the air, especially copper



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The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has detected heavy metals in Bengaluru's air. In a report filed with the National Green Tribunal (NGT), the CPCB has stated that Bengaluru has high levels of heavy metals, including zinc, Chromium, and Copper, in its air, apart from PM10.

CPCB analysed Bengaluru's air quality for the presence of heavy metals at three locations during June–July 2025, with the help of the state pollution control board. The study was conducted at Yeshwanthpur, near Victoria Hospital, and in Peenya, encompassing various activity profiles, including industrial, commercial, residential, and transport.

While the average concentration of Copper in these locations was recorded at 63.66ng/m3, the highest among all 10 cities that were monitored by CPCB, the average concentration of Chromium in Bengaluru was found to be 5.53ng/m3, zinc was 167.9ng/m3, and molybdenum was 0.14ng/m3.

These metal parameters were found

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THINGS TO DO

01 Design realm

DesignUp25 — India's leading design and innovation festival —is bringing its 9th edition themed 'The Design Currency'. The three-day festival brings together top global and Indian design leaders from Adobe, Canva, JPMorgan Chase, Netflix, and more, exploring how design drives value in business, technology, and society. **When: November 3 to 5**

02 Draped in dialogue

The Saree Convo Special Edition is bringing a gathering that celebrates the timeless elegance of the saree, the art of conversation, and the joy of new connections, offering a chance to share your stories, passions, and pursuits - whether hobbies, creative initiatives, or entrepreneurial journeys - in a space that is supportive and genuinely curious. **Where: The Bier Library, Sarjapur; When: October 29, 1 pm to 4 pm**

03 Paw parade

Bangalore Canine Club is presenting the 131st & 132nd All India Championship Dog Shows alongside the 59th & 60th Bangalore Canine Club Championship Show. This year's show will feature 450–500 pedigreed dogs representing over 50 breeds. **Where: Esha Farms & Leisure, Yelahanka; When: November 1 and 2**

04 Theatrical journey

The Auroville Theatre Group is presenting 'Call me Devika', a play about Devika Rani, who co-founded Bombay Talkies, one of India's earliest film studios. The play is the first in a longer series exploring the legacies of forgotten women who shaped history in invisible ways. **Where: Jagriti Theatre, Whitefield; When: October 31, 3.30 pm and 7.30 pm**

05 Currents of change

Azim Premji University is presenting the 'Coasts and Oceans of Life', the fourth edition of its annual climate festival. Building on the success of earlier editions themed on rivers, forests, and mountains, this year's festival dives deep into the ecology, livelihoods, and imagination of the seas that shape India. **Where: Azim Premji University, Sarjapur; When: October 27 to November 8**

Young minds from B'luru to tackle change on global stage

B'luru students to participate in summit bringing together youth from across India who are building solutions to address pressing social and environmental challenges

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A group of 21 young changemakers from Bengaluru are gearing up to represent India on the global stage at the 9th Annual 1M1B Impact Summit, to be held on November 7, at the Palais des Nations, the United Nations office in Geneva.

Organised by 1M1B (One Million for One Billion), a UN accredited non-profit, the summit brings together some of India's brightest young minds who are building solutions to tackle pressing social and environmental challenges. This year marks the 10th international edition of the event, themed '1.5 Matters: Green Skills and Youth Climate Diplomacy'.

The 21 students from Bengaluru will join young innovators from across India to present projects that use AI and sustainability to address global issues—ranging from sustainable fashion and green packaging to clean water, quality education, health, and gender equality—all aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Among the selected changemakers are Tejas, a Class 11 student from NPS Whitefield, and Aadya Kanchan, another Class 11 student from Vidyashilp Academy, whose projects have already begun creating local impact. For Tejas, empowerment begins with access. His project, WoFEM (Womens' Financial Empowerment Movement), focuses on helping rural women gain financial independence. "We guide underprivileged women to open bank accounts and access government schemes that can secure their future," he said. He explained that WoFEM also helps women start small home-based businesses, offering guidance and training. "So far, the initiative has supported more than 300 women through workshops and awareness drives. The project is aligned with SDG 5 – Gender Equality," he said.

Aadya Kanchan is tackling a challenge that affects every household: water scarcity.

With India projected to have only half the water it needs by 2030, and the UN warning that over 5 billion people may face water shortages by 2050, personal responsibility is critical. Created by 16-year-old Aadya Kanchan from Bengaluru, NIRI, derived from the Kannada word 'Neeru' (water), is an IoT-enabled smart device that transforms awareness into action. Mounted on household faucets, it monitors, regulates, and reduces usage through five intelligent modes while automatically detecting and blocking leaks. Pilot-tested with 20 per cent water savings, the project is certified by the Government of Karnataka, and supported by a filed patent application. NIRI embodies the Kaizen philosophy of small steps creating big impact. Beyond technology, Aadya's advocacy has reached more than 10,000 people globally through podcasts, conferences and interactions, inspiring every individual to make every drop and every action count toward a sustainable future.

Manav Subodh, founder and chief mentor, 1M1B, said that Tejas and Aadya represent the new face of an emerging India. "These are young solution builders who aren't waiting for problems to be solved, they are solving them themselves. At 1M1B, we are proud to have mentored them and 21 other changemakers from Bengaluru who will take the spotlight at our 9th annual 1M1B Impact Summit in Geneva, Switzerland," he said. He said that these young leaders will showcase the soft power of India's youth and the innovative solutions they are creating—not just for their own communities, but for the world—advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Student changemakers from city to present AI-driven, sustainable solutions for global issues aligned with UN SDGs at summit in Geneva

With programmes running in over 5,000 schools and colleges, more than 25,000 teachers trained, and nearly 800,000 youth skilled, 1M1B is building India's future-ready AI and green skills talent with a strong focus on tier 3 towns and rural India. They also organise job melas and placement drives, achieving a 70 per cent employment rate and directly connecting rural youth to meaningful livelihoods.

KEA set to announce third round medical seat allotment results after October 29

The final results for the third round of medical and dental seat allotments will be announced after October 29, according to Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) Executive Director H Prasanna. The decision will follow the High Court hearing scheduled on October 29 regarding the allocation of additional medical seats, he said in a statement.

Meanwhile, the KEA will also conduct another round of seat allotment for vacant seats in Agriculture, Veterinary, and Fisheries Science undergraduate courses. Eligible candidates can register online between October 27 and 29, and the detailed schedule for the admission process will be announced later. Only candidates who have not received a seat in previous rounds for Agriculture or Veterinary courses are eligible to participate. Those who have already joined or cancelled seats in these or medical/dental courses cannot apply. Applicants must pay an advance fee of Rs 35,000 to take part in this round. **— BMB**

Transfer process for school teachers begins again

After being temporarily halted, the transfer process for government school teachers in Karnataka has resumed, marking the fifth revised schedule announced by the Department of School Education. Following subject-wise counselling for surplus teachers and remapping of staff to sanctioned posts, a fresh list of available vacancies for intra-district transfers will be published on October 31. The district-level transfer process will conclude by November 12, followed by divisional transfers from November 15 to 27, and inter-divisional transfers from November 27 to December 12.

Teachers facing disciplinary action or criminal cases will not be eligible for counselling. Authorities have been instructed to ensure error-free and transparent implementation. With additional transfers already completed, the upcoming rounds will include general, mutual, district, divisional, and inter-divisional transfers. **— BMB**

Gold prices likely to dip further in coming days

Reports of renewed China–US trade agreement talks have had a direct impact on the bullion market. Investors who until recently viewed gold as a safe investment are now shifting their focus toward stock markets, seeing them as more profitable. Moreover, with the festive season coming to an end, demand for jewellery has dropped, leading to a marginal fall in gold prices In Bengaluru, the price of 10 grams of pure gold declined by Rs 2,340, settling at Rs 1,23,280, while ornamental gold of the same weight fell by Rs 2,150, reaching Rs 1,13,000. The price of silver remained stable at Rs 1,57,000 per kg. Market analysts believe that with the festive demand tapering off and investors shifting interest, gold prices may continue to slide further in the coming days. **— BMB**

Women in power: Akka Pade will come to B'luru soon

After successful results in Bidar, plans are underway to extend Akka Pade model across Karnataka, says Minister of Women and Child Development; in first phase, force expected to operate in seven districts

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Akka Pade is set to expand across Karnataka, including Bengaluru, this November. The initiative, a joint effort by the Women and Child Development Department and the Police Department, seeks to prevent violence against students and young women, raise awareness about safety, and offer immediate support to women and children facing abuse.

Launched in 2023 in Bidar as an experimental initiative, following the success of a pilot project that earned strong positive feedback for its quick response and visible public presence, the Women and Child Development Department now plans to expand the initiative across the state.

The Akka Pade initiative will operate using modified vehicles similar to Hoysala vehicles and will be deployed at bus stands, schools, colleges, and other public spaces. According to officials from the Women and Child Development Department, the statewide rollout is scheduled to begin on November 19, 2025, in 31 districts marking the death anniversary of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

FILE PHOTO

Akka Force will function from 9 am to 6 pm every day and will be reachable through state-wide helpline; teams to protect women and children from harassment, spread awareness about safety

In the first phase, Akka Pade will operate in seven districts including Udupi, Mysuru, Mangaluru, Belagavi, Bengaluru, and other parts of Karnataka. The team will patrol public spaces such as bus stands, schools, colleges, markets, parks, and temples. Each unit will consist of six to ten members, including two female police constables and trained NCC cadets.

The Akka Force will function from 9 am to 6 pm every day and will be reachable through a state-wide helpline. Even if the call is made from a remote location, assistance will be provided immediately. The team will respond quickly to complaints, and in serious cases, hand over the accused to the local police station.

"After the successful results in Bidar, we are planning to expand the Akka Pade model across the state," said Lakshmi Hebbalkar, Minister of Women and Child Development. She said that the government, which has extended several benefits to women through the five guarantee schemes, is also giving top priority to their safety. "To ensure this, we are launching the Akka Force in collaboration with the Police Department. The team will patrol colleges, shopping malls, and bus stands. If any girl faces harassment at home or at work, she can immediately reach out to the Akka Force through the helpline," Hebbalkar said.

A grant of Rs 110 crore has been requested from the state government, and initially Rs 10–15 crore is likely to be sanctioned. "We have also submitted a proposal to the central government for funding under the Nirbhaya scheme," said officials.

Members of the Akka Force will receive special training, including handling cases of violence and maintaining public order.

Four youths held after minor girl dies in road mishap while eloping

A 16-year-old girl lost her life in an accident while allegedly eloping with one of the accused on October 24, leading the Bannerghatta police to arrest four youths, including a minor, on Monday. The victim's parents have filed a complaint under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and for kidnapping.

The deceased, a Class 9 student at a government school in Bannerghatta, had reportedly developed a relationship with one of the accused after meeting him on social media. The accused, aged between 18 and 19, were employed in local private jobs.

According to police, on October 24, the girl ran away from home with the four accused on two motorcycles. When she failed to return, her parents filed a missing complaint at the Bannerghatta Police Station. Later that day, police were alerted about an accident near Hosapete, in which the girl had tragically died.

Investigations revealed that one of the accused lost control of his bike and hit a road median, causing the girl to fall. She was subsequently run over by another vehicle and died on the spot. Acting on the parents' complaint, police arrested all four youths on Monday.

Preliminary investigations showed no evidence of assault. However, as the victim was a minor, a POCSO case has been registered, and further action will be taken based on medical reports, police said. **BMB**

CM launches Anti-Drug Task Force, urges citizens to join fight for a drug-free K'taka

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New peak caps for police personnel were also unveiled at the event

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday launched the Anti-Drug Task Force and released the 'Sanmitra Action Plan' handbook, calling upon the people of Karnataka to join hands with the police in eradicating the drug menace from the state. The event, held at the Vidhana Soudha Banquet Hall, also marked the unveiling of new peak caps for police personnel, a uniform change introduced after nearly seven decades.

"A drug-free Karnataka is my goal, and it should become your goal too. Our youth and students must not fall prey to narcotics. Together, we can help the police fight this menace," the Chief Minister said, adding that the public's support would be a true expression of gratitude to the police.

Referring to the state's law and order situation, Siddaramaiah praised the efforts of police officers in restoring peace in Dakshina Kannada, particularly in Mangaluru, a district long considered communally sensitive.

However, he did not shy away from admonishing the department. "Some police personnel have ties with real estate dealers and drug networks. The fear of the police among criminals has decreased, you know the reason why," he remarked.

Speaking about the uniform change, he said the new peak cap design was personally selected by him, replacing the slouch cap that had remained unchanged since 1956. "It's not just the cap that should change, your efficiency should too," he told the officers.

Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara highlighted key reforms aimed at strengthening the police force and improving welfare measures. He said the new blue peak cap, introduced by the Chief Minister, symbolises unity, confidence, and modernisation in the police ranks.

The minister announced a two-year fixed tenure for officers from inspector to SP level, recruitment of 8,500 constables, and the extension of the police housing scheme for another five years, with 16,000 houses completed. The health check-up allowance has been increased by Rs 1,500, compassionate appointments have been reinstated, and leave procedures simplified to boost morale.

On the anti-drug front, Dr Parameshwara said drugs worth Rs 250–300 crore have been seized in the past two years, leading to the formation of a dedicated Anti-Narcotics Task Force. Under the 'Sanmitra' and 'House-to-House Police' programmes, officers will intensify community engagement.

He also announced the appointment of a DGP-rank officer to head the Narcotics Control Division, a first in India, and the establishment of 33 DCRE police stations to protect Scheduled Castes and Tribes. **BMB**

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Unplanned growth, missing roads cripple Sarjapur's commute daily

Years of civic neglect and unimplemented CDP 2015 plans leave Sarjapur Road residents battling gridlock, poor connectivity, and mounting frustration daily

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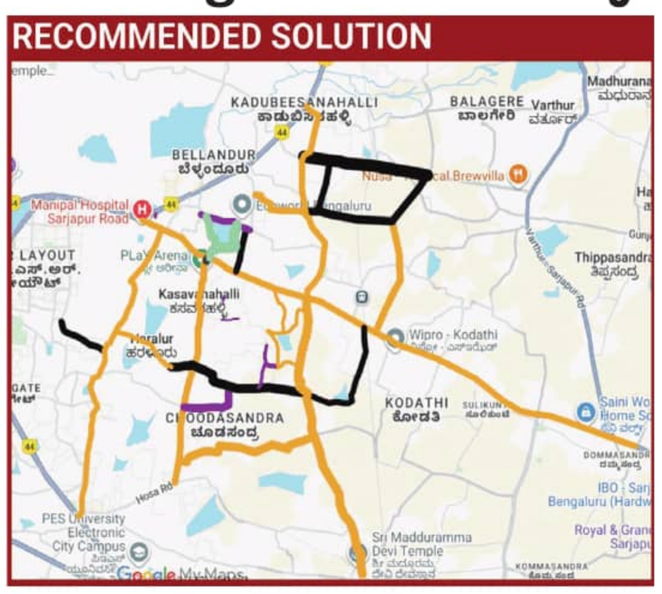

Right: The road network in and around Sarjapur. Black indicates missing roads, yellow indicates the roads to be widened and purple is the proposed roads to ease traffic congestion

While motorists, commuters, and residents in and around Sarjapur continue to suffer from crippling traffic jams, authorities remain apathetic and negligent about improving infrastructure. Despite existing roads being unable to handle the overwhelming traffic load, elected representatives, Bengaluru East City Corporation, and Bengaluru South City Corporation have done little to ease congestion.

Residents say the root cause lies in the zero compliance of the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) 2015 road network. "The authorities failed to implement the CDP 2015. Within a five-kilometre radius of Doddakammanahalli–Sarjapur Junction, there is zero compliance. About 60 km of CDP roads planned for Sarjapur and nearby areas remain undeveloped," said Vishnu Prasad, a resident.

He added that many parents are considering relocating or shifting schools for their children due to severe delays. "Traffic on Sarjapur Road is unbearable. Recently, several parents requested schools to allow children to write exams after reaching 30 minutes late because of traffic jams. Fortunately, the school management permitted it," he said.

Residents insist their grievance is not political but a desperate call for solutions. As per the CDP 2015, Sarjapur Road should be 45 meters wide, yet widening remains incomplete. "Only portions where land was available were developed, leaving 40 percent pending. Kasavanahalli Road should be 60 ft wide, but its connecting road is missing. Even New Silver County Road, which isn't part of the CDP, has been developed, while key links like Gattahalli–Ahad Meadows are absent," Prasad added.

Echoing similar views, civic activist Sudarshan Shastry said many planned CDP roads either remain missing or require expansion. "The roads connecting Haralur Road to HSR Layout via Somasundarapalya, and Haralur to Kasavanahalli via Dinne Anjaneya Swamy Temple, are incomplete. Connectivity behind EcoSpace and EcoWorld, part of CDP's network, is also missing or too narrow," he said.

Residents point out that despite sanctions for large housing and commercial projects based on CDP 2015, supporting road infrastructure remains neglected. They urge authorities to implement the pending road network immediately to manage the rising traffic burden on Sarjapur Road and nearby localities.

Foul odour, filthy water plague Vibhuthipura Lake

Lokayukta steps in, inspects sewage-filled Vibhuthipura Lake

After repeated complaints about sewage entering Vibhuthipura Lake went unheard, residents of the area approached the Lokayukta seeking a directive to ensure maintenance of the lake that was rejuvenated recently at an estimated cost of ₹3 crore. Following the complaint, a team of Lokayukta officials and Bengaluru East City Corporation (BECC) engineers visited the lake on Tuesday. As the officials expressed displeasure over the lake's condition, the BECC engineers attempted to explain the measures taken to keep the lake clean. "The Lokayukta official was not happy with the condition of the lake. The official advised the BECC engineers to maintain the lake. It is very difficult for people visiting

the lake because of the bad odour," said Satyavani Sridhar, a civic leader. The residents of Talakaveri Layout, Veerabhadra Nagar, Basavanagar and nearby areas are suffering due to the bad odour from the lake. M Chinnappa, a resident of Veerabhadra Nagar, said the water in the lake has turned toxic due to untreated sewage. "The lake was once a beautiful spot for residents to walk and relax, but it has now turned into a health hazard," he said.

Lokayukta officials also noted the poor state of toilets constructed on the lake bund for visitors. One toilet was found choked, with sewage being let out directly into nearby drains instead of being connected to the underground drainage network. The officials instructed BECC engineers to repair the toilets and prevent further sewage inflow.

BECC Executive Engineer (Lakes) admitted there were shortcomings in lake maintenance. "I took charge recently, and there is a lot to be done. The existing sewage treatment plant (STP) has a capacity of just 1 KLD, but we need one that can treat at least 3,000 litres of sewage per day. I will prepare a detailed report and send it to higher authorities for approval," he said.

— Y Maheswara Reddy

Eight-month delay leaves Malleswaram Road in ruins

Once known as a calm, green neighbourhood and a "pensioners' paradise," Malleswaram's 8th Main Road has now turned into a nightmare for residents. The stretch from 7th Cross to 18th Cross was dug up in February for white-topping work, which was supposed to be completed in three months. Eight months later, the road remains dug up, dark, and unsafe. "This is not a commercial area; it's a residential road. We were not consulted before the work began. Initially, we were told these roads won't be taken up for white-topping. Now, 5–6 different agencies are working here, and we're being put through a lot of trouble," said a member of Malleswaram Social. The group wrote to the MLA's office, leading to a meeting called by MLA Dr. Ashwath Narayan. "They gave us a deadline of November 30, which has now been pushed to January 15," said the member. Residents say the roadwork has been carried out with zero precautionary measures. "Streetlights have been removed, leaving the stretch dark and risky at night. There are no barricades, no lighting, no security staff. It's unsafe for everyone, especially senior citizens," said a resident.

Frustrated residents launched the 'Saaku' (Enough) campaign, urging authorities to stop the "digging and destruction" in Malleswaram. "We have had enough of unplanned work that makes life miserable. It's very difficult for senior citizens like us to walk after sunset," said another resident. The chaos has caused real danger. "One resident had a medical emergency, but the wheelchair couldn't come out because of the mud and debris. Neighbours had to clear it by hand to reach the ambulance," shared a member of Malleswaram Social. Local businesses, including pharmacies and grocery stores, are also struggling. A pharmacy now delivers medicines at home, while a popular eatery has shut down permanently.

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Magadi Road

Spelling of "dial" on the board at the Women Police Station, West Division, near Magadi Road quarters, found incorrect and needs correction.

Trash trouble
RT Street

Residents demand strict action against continuous garbage dumping at 5th Cross, RT Street near Avenue Road, citing foul smell and health hazards.

Pedestrian danger
IDBI House

Collapsed footpath on Mission Road near IDBI House, Sudhamanagar, poses a grave danger to pedestrians and commuters as repairs remain pending.

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Cyber safe metro: BMRCL's new defence centre to monitor every move

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To prevent potential cyberattacks and bring the monitoring of CCTV cameras under one roof, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has decided to establish an advanced Security Operations Centre (SOC). BMRCL is setting up this centre at the Baiyappanahalli Depot with the objective of strengthening metro security operations. In the coming days, this Security Operations Centre will serve as a Command Centre to prevent potential cyberattacks and monitor CCTV cameras inside metro trains and stations.

Tenders invited

BMRCL has already invited tenders for the construction of the SOC, and implementation will begin within the next few months. With this initiative, BMRCL will earn the distinction of being the first metro corporation in the country to launch a dedicated Security Operations Centre. The Bengaluru Metro has 66 stations, with approximately 200 cameras at each station — a total of about 13,200 cameras. There are 1,368 cameras installed inside metro coaches (each of the 57 six-coach trains has four cameras per coach). Additionally, there are around 1,200 computers in use.

IT infrastructure

This centre will help secure the metro's entire IT infrastructure, including signalling, track management, and ticketing systems, as well as detect any technological breaches. It will monitor all CCTV cameras installed inside and outside the trains, ensuring constant surveillance of passenger safety and security across stations and within trains. Trained cybersecurity professionals will conduct round-the-clock (24×7) monitoring from this centre.

IN HIGH COURT

Vijay Mallya's debt plea 'not maintainable'

The Karnataka High Court on Tuesday questioned the maintainability of a petition filed by fugitive liquor baron Vijay Mallya seeking details of debt owed by him and his defunct airline, Kingfisher Airlines, via United Breweries Holdings Limited (UBHL).

Justice Lalitha Kanneganti said Mallya should have approached the Company Court. "How is this maintainable before this court? Company petitions exist if you want to implement them yourself. On the face of it, the prayer is not maintainable," she said.

Mallya sought a statement of accounts showing recoveries, claiming that while the Debt Recovery Tribunal ordered payment of 6,200 crore, banks have already recovered around 14,000 crore. He also requested details of assets realised under an amended recovery certificate and a stay on further sales of his properties by banks.

Senior Advocate Vikram Huilgol said liquidation proceedings are ongoing before the Company Court and the petition resembled an RTI application seeking directions to banks on recoveries and property attachments.

Advocate Krutika Raghavan said a similar application exists in the Company Court and Mallya has no locus standi. The bench noted the petition cannot proceed here and fixed the next hearing for November 4. **–BMB**

Revanna bail: SIT to respond in court

The Karnataka High Court on Tuesday directed the SIT to file objections to JD(S) leader Prajwal Revanna's plea seeking suspension of his life sentence and bail. Revanna's appeal challenges his conviction in the first rape case registered at Holenarasipura Rural Police Station, Hassan district.

During the hearing, Special Public Prosecutor Ravivarma Kumar said objections would be submitted, and the bench, comprising Justices KS Mudagal and Venkatesh Naik T, posted the matter for November 13. Senior Advocate Sidharth Luthra requested the prosecution file objections a week before the hearing.

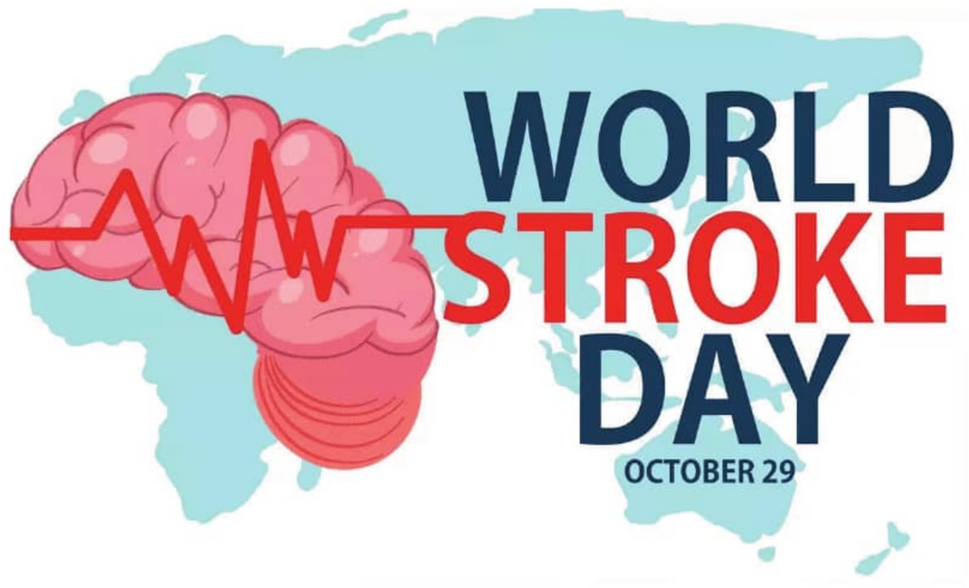
Convicted on August 2 under multiple sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and IT Act, Revanna claimed the complaint was politically motivated and delayed. The prosecution said the victim, a maid at the Revanna farmhouse, was assaulted and filmed during lockdown, with videos used to intimidate her. Revanna remains in judicial custody, with two more cases under SIT investigation. **–BMB**

SPOTLIGHT

B.E. F.A.S.T., Stay Strong:

Bangalore doctors on beating stroke through timely action

Stroke is one of the leading causes of death and disability worldwide, with India reporting nearly 1.8 million cases each year. Often called a "brain attack," it occurs when blood flow to the brain is blocked or interrupted, cutting off oxygen and nutrients. This damage begins within minutes with 1.9 million brain cells lost every minute making awareness and timely treatment critical to saving lives and limiting disability.



Stroke is a true medical emergency every second lost can mean brain cells lost," says **Dr. Amit Kulkarni,** Senior Consultant and Lead -Neurology and Stroke at Sakra World Hospital, Bengaluru. "The key lies in early recognition and timely treatment. If patients reach a stroke-ready hospital within the critical window, we can often minimize damage and improve outcomes. Recovery is also possible with the right rehabilitation, but it depends on how quickly care begins. Awareness and action together make the biggest difference."

Stroke can be treated if recognized and acted on quickly. Doctors emphasize the importance of **B.E.F.A.S.T.:**

Balance: Sudden difficulty to balance
Eyes: Difficulty with vision or double vision
Face: Look for drooping on one side.
Arm: Check for weakness or numbness in an arm.
Speech: Notice if speech is slurred or unclear.
Time: Time is critical. Immediately rush to a stroke-ready hospital.

Dr. N. S Santhosh, Senior Consultant, Neurologist, Manipal Whitefield, explains, "Bangalore is fortunate. We have advanced hospitals, neuroimaging, and round-the-clock teams. But technology only helps if people come early. The first 4.5 hours, the golden hours, are our earliest chance to prevent lifelong disability."

Timely action can make all the difference during a stroke. Therefore, awareness is critical. People must know how to recognize the warning signs, call emergency services right away, identify the nearest stroke-ready hospital, and arrange quick transport. These simple but decisive actions can save lives and significantly reduce the risk of long-term disability.

The call to action is simple, if in doubt, **B.E.F.A.S.T.,** do not analyze. Reaching the hospital fast is not just medical advice, it's self-empowerment. "Every stroke treated within the golden window is a life given back," says Dr. Santhosh.

In a city known for progress, awareness is the next revolution, because the faster we respond, the stronger we recover.

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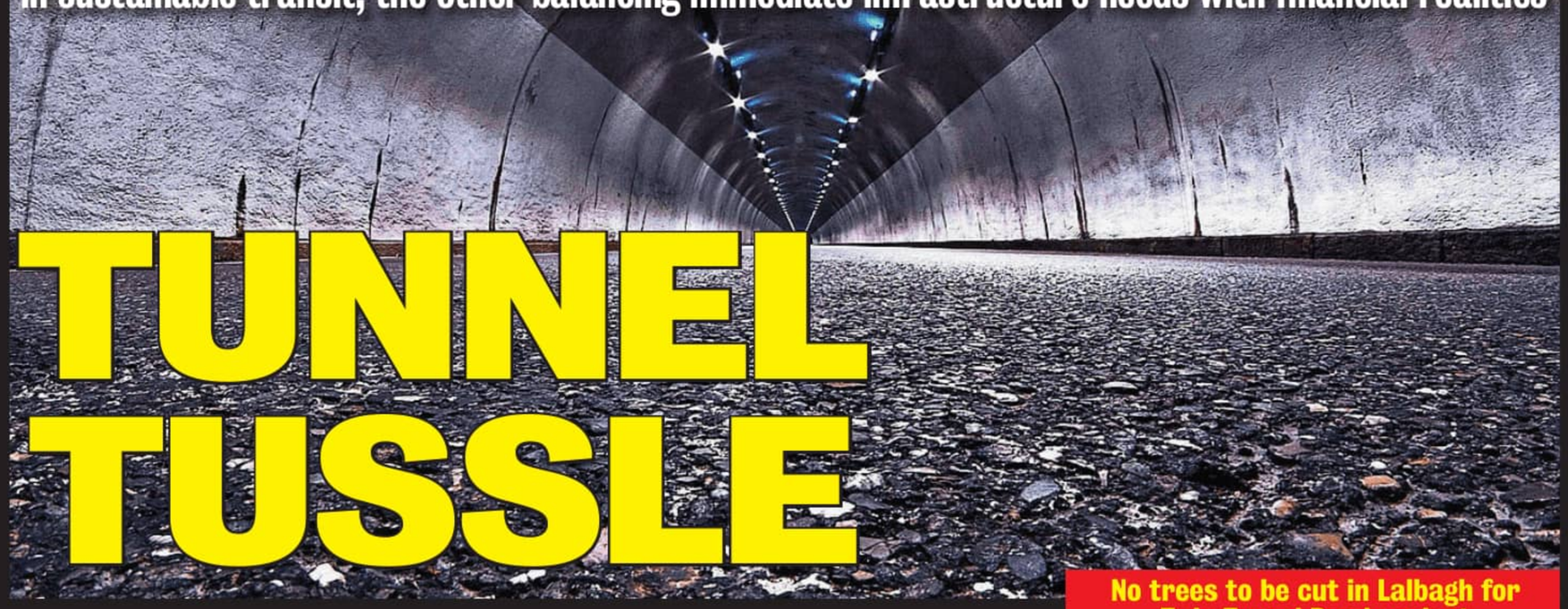
Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar came face-to-face on Tuesday to discuss the contentious tunnel road project proposed between Silk Board and Hebbal. While Surya urged the government to shelve the plan and invest instead in metro and suburban rail expansion, Shivakumar defended the project but said he was open to reviewing suggestions. The meeting reflected their contrasting visions for Bengaluru's mobility — one rooted in sustainable transit, the other balancing immediate infrastructure needs with financial realities



TUNNEL TUSSLE

ON THE TUNNEL PROJECT

■ **Tejasvi Surya:** "The tunnel project is inefficient because it benefits only car users. For the same cost, we can build a metro that moves lakhs of people daily. Bengaluru's transport goal should be to move more people, not more cars."

● **DK Shivakumar:** "I am not against the metro; in fact, I agree it must be expanded. But we need funds from the Centre. Right now, we are getting only 10 to 12 percent for metro work, which is far from enough. If the Centre supports us, we can do both — metro and tunnel."

ON INTRODUCING PRIVATE CITY BUSES

■ **Tejasvi Surya:** "Private players should be allowed to operate in Bengaluru. It will bring healthy competition to BMTC and improve efficiency for commuters."

● **DK Shivakumar:** "The city already has too many vehicles on the road. If we allow private buses now, traffic will only worsen. We need to regulate what we have before adding more."

ON FEEDER BUS SERVICES UNDER BMLTA

■ **Tejasvi Surya:** "We must add more feeder bus services under BMLTA to strengthen last-mile connectivity and ensure people use public transport."

● **DK Shivakumar:** "I wonder why this was not done when the BJP was in power earlier. Still, I have asked BJP MPs to join me in meeting the Prime Minister so that we can together push for central funds."

ON TUNNEL ENTRY NEAR LALBAGH

■ **Tejasvi Surya:** "The tunnel opening at Lalbagh should not be taken up. We cannot risk damaging such a heritage landmark."

● **DK Shivakumar:** "There's a misconception that six acres of Lalbagh will be used. It's only a small corner opening. If the MP can show us an alternate location, we are open to it. We are not harming Lalbagh."

ON OUTER RING ROAD (ORR) TRANSPORT

■ **Tejasvi Surya:** "ORR should have dedicated bus rapid transit services and BMTC priority lanes. That's the only way to tackle traffic there."

● **DK Shivakumar:** "We'll need more funds from the Centre for such projects. I plan to speak with Union Minister V. Somanna and press the Centre to release the necessary funds."

ON THE MEETING AND NEXT STEPS

■ **Tejasvi Surya:** "I presented my points with detailed studies and data. My focus is on sustainable, long-term solutions like metro and suburban rail expansion."

● **DK Shivakumar:** "I respect his suggestions, though I find the report lacks clear alternatives. I have asked officers to examine his ideas. We will consider them carefully before proceeding."

No trees to be cut in Lalbagh for Twin Tunnel Road project

The Karnataka government on Tuesday informed the High Court that no trees are being felled inside Bengaluru's Lalbagh Botanical Garden for the construction of the proposed Twin Tunnel Road project.
A division bench comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice CM Poonacha was hearing two public interest litigations (PILs) filed by environmentalist Dr. Adikesavalu Ravindra and civic activist Prakash Belawadi, who expressed concern that trees across Bengaluru, particularly in and around Lalbagh, were at risk due to the project.
On October 25, the bench had sought the government's response to the petitioners' submission that "trees in Bengaluru are under threat." Responding on behalf of the State, Advocate General Shashi Kiran Shetty clarified that no tree felling was taking place within Lalbagh, adding that "the question of passing any order or interim direction does not arise." **–BMB**

GBA begins ward-wise voter list prep

The State Election Commission has directed the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) to start preparing ward-wise voter lists for the upcoming municipal elections across its five corporations. The GBA Chief Commissioner and District Election Officer have been instructed to compile lists for 368 wards by integrating existing Assembly constituency records and supplementary voter rolls. Assistant District Election Officers will identify voters within each ward and prepare a Form-2 matrix to ensure accurate inclusion.

The directive also mandates strict verification — with 1% of entries checked by the Election Officer and 10% by the Assistant District Election Officer. 2026, **–BMB**

Senna engulfs Nagarahole forests

A fast-spreading invasive species, Senna spectabilis, has begun engulfing large portions of Nagarahole National Park, threatening the park's delicate ecosystem and its herbivorous wildlife. The Latin American species, which entered through Kerala's Wayanad forests, has spread across nearly 50% of the Antarsante and Mattigodu ranges bordering Kerala and about 20% of the remaining forest zones. The tall tree, identifiable by its bright yellow flowers, reproduces prolifically through wind- and water-dispersed seeds and even regenerates from its roots, making it extremely difficult to eradicate.

The Forest Department has been battling the invasion for the past three months through a three-phase eradication plan targeting seedlings, young plants, and mature trees. Since the leaves and bark are inedible and hold no commercial value, the weed poses a severe ecological hazard by displacing native grasses and plants essential for deer, elephants, and other grazers. **–BMB**

Suburban rail project delayed

The ambitious 15,767-crore Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project (BSRP) has missed its 40-month completion target set by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, with barely 15 percent of the work finished. The deadline, which ended on October 26, marks yet another setback for the long-awaited mass-transit system meant to ease city congestion.

Approved on October 21, 2020, and inaugurated by the Prime Minister on June 20, 2022, the 148-km project spans four corridors under Karnataka Rail Infrastructure Development Enterprises (K-RIDE). However, progress has been slow due to land-acquisition delays and administrative hurdles. **–BMB**

BSWML floats tender for animal waste, bones management

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In a major step towards addressing the animal meat waste problem in the city, the Bangalore Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) has invited tenders to collect and scientifically process animal bones and other waste. The tender aims to offer a long-term solution to Bengaluru's growing problem of meat waste. Once implemented, it will prevent meat shop owners from dumping animal bones, skin, feathers, intestines, and other residues in open spaces, a practice that has become a serious civic and health concern.

Bengaluru generates over 250 tonnes of animal waste every day, largely from its thousand-plus meat and poultry shops. However, many of these outlets operate without official licences, making it difficult for civic authorities to maintain accurate records. A BSWML official said that although the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) had previously assigned the collection and processing of this waste to a few empanelled vendors, most of the waste still goes unprocessed. Many meat sellers, reluctant to pay collection fees, have been dumping waste by roadsides, in drains, and near lakes. This has not only caused hygiene issues but has also fuelled a rise in stray dog attacks. Officials say dogs that feed on animal waste become more aggressive and, when deprived of it, may turn violent, posing a threat to public safety.

Unlicenced meat shops and illegal dumping have worsened civic hygiene, prompting authorities to enforce penalties up to 25,000 under GBA limits

To address the issue, BSWML has called for zone-wise tenders to scientifically collect and dispose of waste from mutton, poultry, pork, fish, and beef shops. Each of Bengaluru's five newly formed civic zones — Central, East, West, North, and South — will have a dedicated contractor to manage waste collection and processing for a period of five years. According to Bheemesha, Deputy General Manager at BSWML, the processed waste will be converted into by-products such as feed for dogs, cats, and fish, and other usable materials. Existing units in Ramanagar, Bidadi, Mulabagal, and Hoskote will guide expansion as new facilities tackle city's growing meat waste efficiently.

Public event order on hold

After HC stay on order mandating approval for public events, govt says it will appeal before Division Bench

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The Karnataka government has decided to file an appeal before a Division Bench of the High Court, challenging the interim stay on its order that made prior approval mandatory for conducting public events in public places and government-owned premises across the state.

The BJP has alleged that the order was issued to restrict the activities of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) in Karnataka.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, speaking to the media on Tuesday in Bengaluru, said that the Dharwad Bench of the High Court had issued a stay order on the government's directive. "We will file an appeal petition against the judgment," CM Siddaramaiah stated.

Home Minister G Parameshwara said that the government will challenge the court's order before the Division Bench. "The court has issued a stay order, and the Chief Minister has given directions in this regard. We will go for an appeal before the Division Bench," he said. When asked whether the judgment was a setback for the government, Home Minister Parameshwara maintained that it was not. "The judgment has been delivered, and we are appealing against it," he said.

IN FOCUS
Gathering in public space

What HC said

The High Court on Tuesday stayed the government order that restricted gatherings of ten or more people for peaceful civic, social, or cultural activities in public places, declaring such assemblies as "unlawful."

Justice M Nagaprasanna passed the interim order while hearing a petition filed by Punashchetana Seva Samaste, which challenged the constitutional validity of the Home Department's directive issued on October 18.

Senior Advocate Ashok Haranhalli, representing the petitioners, contended that the order directly infringed upon citizens' fundamental right to assemble peacefully under Article 19(1)(b) of the Constitution. "In the exercise of executive power, can the rights conferred under Article 19(1)(b) be taken away?" he questioned.

"How does a gathering become unlawful? Suppose a laughter club meets in a park or a group goes for a morning walk - how can that be treated as an unlawful assembly?"

He further argued that the State Government lacked the authority to criminalise peaceful public gatherings through an executive order.

"The government cannot say that this is an offence and register a case. Parks and streets vest with local authorities under municipal and parks laws, not with the Home Department," Haranhalli submitted.

The court then sought clarification on which authority had issued the order, to which the counsel confirmed that it was the Home Department. The government's counsel requested a day's time to file its objections.

Passing the interim order, Justice Nagaprasanna observed that the impugned directive prima facie violated fundamental rights guaranteed under Articles 19(1)(a) and 19(1)(b) of the Constitution. "The government order takes away the rights conferred upon citizens under Chapter III of the Constitution," the court noted. "It is trite law that such rights can be curtailed only by a law enacted by the legislature, not through an executive order." **BMB & Agencies**

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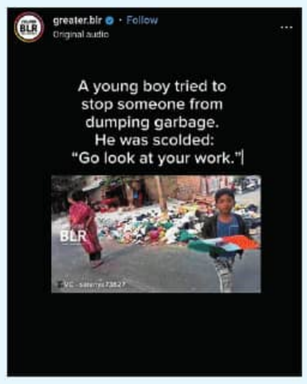
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WHAT'S TWEETING:

A post by user @MomentumTrade12 on X sharing their experience where a lost earphones were returned by a Bengaluru auto driver, who was later honoured for his honesty, proving that integrity still drives the city forward. The user wrote "Humanity first"

A post by user @ridzsups, showed a photo comparison of the skies of Bengaluru and Delhi showing a clear contrast, while Bengaluru's sky appeared relatively clearer, Delhi's remained hazy and polluted.

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A Bengaluru auto driver was honoured for returning a passenger's lost earphones — proving honesty still drives the city forward.
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The Bengaluru auto driver has been winning hearts for years with his acts of kindness offering free rides to those in need on government holidays, and free transport for school students on Independence Day and Rajyotsava.

Featured in newspapers over 53 times since 2009, including **Bangalore Mirror,** he used to charged just ₹10 instead of ₹40 on Independence day and Kannada Rajyotsava, using the money to buy sweets, fuel his auto, and give free rides to spread joy during festivals when people burst crackers.

INBRIEF

BMTC e-bus rams into auto, 1 injured

A BMTC bus collided with an auto rickshaw near Sirsi Junction around 11.45 am, leaving the auto driver with minor injuries and damaging three autorickshaws.

According to police officials, the electric bus rammed into the auto-rickshaw from behind, resulting in severe damage to the front portion of the auto. The impact also caused damage to three nearby parked autorickshaws. The injured auto driver was shifted to a nearby hospital. Police officials said the accident occurred due to the bus driver's negligence. "The exact cause is yet to be determined, but it appears the driver may have accidentally pressed the accelerator instead of the brake. We checked for drunken driving but it was not that," they said.

Between April and September this year, 35 accidents involving BMTC buses have been reported including 10 fatal, 11 major, and 14 minor cases. **BMB**

Road rage incident spirals into verbal abuse, scuffle

A trivial argument over parking took a violent turn in Marathahalli on Saturday night, leaving one man injured. Police have registered a case of road rage and the accused involved in the assault was arrested.

According to the complaint filed by Suraj Biswal, the incident occurred around 10 pm, near his residence. Biswal stated that while he was parking his car, a local resident confronted him, claiming he was driving at 50 km/h. Biswal responded that he was driving at only 30 km/h, which allegedly angered the man. The accused allegedly abused Biswal, saying, "You people come from outside, don't say anything here." When Biswal attempted to calm the situation, the man allegedly called a group of people, leading to a brawl between the complainant and his brother.

Biswal's brother was injured near the eye, and one of the assailants allegedly tried to attack Biswal with a stone. A police offical said that based on the gravity of the situation they will open a rowdy sheet. **BMB**

Labourer bludgeoned to death by employer

A 36-year-old labourer was bludgeoned to death by his employer after he allegedly created a ruckus and abused the employer's mother at a house in Ullal Upanagara in the early hours of Tuesday. The deceased has been identified as Avinash (26) while the accused Karthik (26) has been arrested.

According to police, Avinash, a relative of Karthik, was employed at an eatery run by Karthik and his mother. He had stopped working recently and had become addicted to alcohol, leading his wife and children to leave him. On Monday night, Avinash reportedly returned home drunk and began hurling abuses at Karthik's mother. She alerted Karthik, who rushed home in anger and hit Avinash on the head with an iron rod, who died on the spot. **BMB**

CRIME FILES

Couple held in mobile store burglary case

The Varthur police have arrested a couple and a food delivery executive for their involvement in a mobile phone showroom burglary, during which the accused escaped with 39 brand-new mobile phones worth Rs 40.5 lakh.

The accused identified as Divas Kami and his associate Arohan Thapa and Asmitha Bhora were arrested based on CCTV footage and technical evidence. According to police, the incident took place last Monday when the duo broke into the showroom and escaped with 39 brand-new mobile phones and other electronic items. The stolen goods were later handed over to their female friend, identified as Asmitha Bhora, to sell and share the proceeds. **BMB**

Heavy metal pollution can cause health complications

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bound to Particulate Matter (PM10) in the ambient air, and the percentage fraction of these metal parameters in PM10 was found to be ranging in between 0.1 % to 2.1 %. Therefore, a reduction in PM concentrations is one way to lower the levels of heavy metals in ambient air.

Notably, the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP), launched in 2019 by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, targets up to a 40% reduction in PM10 levels or attainment of NAAQS (60 Kg/m3) by 2025-26, over the 2017-18 baseline.

According to data from the Central Environment Ministry, by the end of 2024, Bengaluru recorded a 24% reduction in PM10 levels over the 2017-18 baseline.

Over the last seven years, MoEF&CC has released Rs 541.1 crore to Bengaluru to clean its air. Out of this, the city utilized Rs 5.99 crore in 2020-21, a little over Rs 115 crore was used in 2022-23, followed by Rs 45.59 crore in 2023-24 towards ensuring cleaner air.

Monitoring mechanism

The ambient air quality monitoring to detect the presence of heavy metals, including Zinc, Chromium, Copper, and Molybdenum, in the air was also conducted in nine other metropolitan cities across the country, which included Jaipur, Bhopal, Lucknow, Ahmedabad, Delhi, Nagpur, Kolkata, Visakhapatnam, and Chennai.

The monitoring was carried out during June–July, 2025, at 40 locations falling under different activity profiles to have 16 observations in each of the cities.

City-based healthcare experts say the presence of heavy metals, above permissible limits, in the air can lead to various health complications, ranging from cardiovascular problems to respiratory ailments and even neurological issues.

"There are various serious health complications of inhaling air with high levels of heavy metals. A person can develop a cough, chest pain, or fever when exposed to high concentrations of heavy metals. Chromium is a known carcinogenic compound and can lead to lung cancer when contaminated air is inhaled for a long duration.

Air laden with these compounds can worsen symptoms of asthma and COPD and also exacerbate symptoms of other lung diseases," said Pooja T, Consultant - Pulmonology, Aster RV Hospital.

Consensus evades peace meet on RSS foot march

The 'peace meeting' convened by the district administration to discuss permission for a route march by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and similar rallies by nine other organisations in Chittapur on November 2 failed to reach a consensus, official sources said on Tuesday.

The meeting was held as per the directions of the Kalaburagi bench of the Karnataka High Court, issued last Friday. Chaired by Kalaburagi Deputy Commissioner Fouzia Taranum, the meeting was attended by representatives of 10 organisations, including the RSS, Bhim Army, Bharatiya Dalit Panthers, Hasiru Sene, Karnataka Rajya Chalavadi Kshemabhivruddi Sangha, Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha, and Gonda Kuruba ST Horata Samithi, among others, officials said.

According to official sources, several organisations demanded that the RSS conduct its route march carrying the national flag and the preamble of the Constitution instead of lathis (sticks) and the Bhagavadwaja (saffron flag). However, RSS representatives attending the meeting rejected this proposal.

RSS representatives maintained that they had the right to hold a peaceful route march as per their traditions. In response, the Bhim Army and other groups said they would organise their own route marches on the same day if the RSS refused to replace the lathis and saffron flag with the tricolour and the preamble.

This led to heated exchanges, forcing the meeting to end abruptly. **PTI**

'Timely reporting makes a difference'

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is underway. In another, more serious case, a 32-year-old woman alleged that a man she met on Facebook in 2022 not only cheated her of ₹8.62 lakh but also blackmailed her using private videos.

According to her complaint, she befriended Swaroop Gowda, who gradually earned her trust and claimed he was in financial trouble due to an ongoing court case. Believing his plea, she transferred money in installments via PhonePe and cash. When she later asked for repayment, Swaroop allegedly began threatening to send her private videos.

The victim said she even pawned her jewellery to help him, but when she confronted him near a bus stop in Sunkadakatte, he verbally abused, kicked, and dragged her in public. His associate, Giri, later threatened to leak her videos online if she approached the police.

She subsequently filed a complaint at Basaveshwaranagar police station, seeking legal action against both Swaroop and Giri.

Social media horror

With the two incidents reportedly happening on Facebook, it reinforces how social media has become a breeding ground for harassment, fraud, and exploitation. What began as spaces for connection and communication have increasingly turned into unsafe digital zones, where women are often the primary targets.

Cyber experts note that offenders now use multiple methods to harass and exploit women online, from leaking personal phone numbers and misusing images to creating fake profiles, sending obscene messages, blackmailing victims with morphed or intimate videos, and even using financial scams under the guise of friendship or trust.

The psychological toll of such digital exposure, experts say, is immense.

"Victims are often left grappling with fear, humiliation, and social stigma, while tracing the origin of such acts remains challenging due to the anonymity and fluidity of social media accounts," a city-based psychologist told BM.

Officials have advised users to exercise caution while using social media platforms to prevent falling victim to online abuse and exploitation. They urge users to avoid sharing personal contact numbers, addresses, or identifiable workplace details publicly or in open groups, and to refrain from engaging with suspicious profiles or links, particularly those offering jobs, dating opportunities, or money transfers.

Officials also caution against uploading private chats, as screenshots and data leaks are common. Users are encouraged to regularly update their privacy settings to limit visibility and prevent impersonation. In case of any abuse, they should promptly document and report the incident, by taking screenshots, noting URLs, and filing a complaint at the nearest Cyber Crime Police Station or through the National Cybercrime Portal (www.cybercrime.gov.in).

"Timely reporting makes a huge difference, the faster the police get details, the better the chance to trace and act," an official said.

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HEALTH TIP: During winter, your scalp becomes dry and flaky because of the cold air and indoor heating

A hydrating shampoo helps restore moisture and prevent dandruff caused by dryness

Throw or salvage?

Toxicologist advises on what to watch out for in food items that look or smell iffy

When you open the refrigerator and find a wedge of cheese flecked with green mold, or a package of chicken that smells faintly sour, it can be tempting to gamble with your stomach rather than waste food.

But the line between harmless fermentation and dangerous spoilage is sharp. Consuming spoiled foods exposes the body to a range of microbial toxins and biochemical by-products, many of which can interfere with essential biological processes. The health effects can vary from mild gastrointestinal discomfort to severe conditions such as liver cancer.

I am a toxicologist and researcher specialising in how foreign chemicals such as those released during food spoilage affect the body. Many spoiled foods contain specific microorganisms that produce toxins. Because individual sensitivity to these chemicals varies, and the amount present in spoiled foods can also vary widely, there are no absolute guidelines on what is safe to eat. However, it's always a good idea to know your enemies so you can take steps to avoid them.

Nuts and grains

In plant-based foods such as grains and nuts, fungi are the main culprits behind spoilage, forming fuzzy patches of mold in shades of green, yellow, black or white that usually give off a musty smell. Colorful though they may be, many of these molds produce toxic chemicals called mycotoxins.

Two common fungi found on grains and nuts such as corn, sorghum, rice and peanuts are Aspergillus flavus and A. parasiticus. They can produce mycotoxins known as aflatoxins, which form molecules called epoxides that can trigger mutations when they bind to DNA. Repeated exposure to aflatoxins can damage the liver and has been linked to liver cancer, especially for people who already have other risk factors for it, such as hepatitis B infection.

Fusarium is another group of fungal pathogens that can grow as mold on grains such as wheat, barley and corn, especially at high humidity. Infected grains may appear discolored or have a pinkish or reddish hue, and they might emit a musty odor.

Fusarium fungi produce mycotoxins called trichothecenes, which can damage cells and irritate the digestive tract. They also make another toxin, fumonisin B1, which disrupts how cells build and maintain their outer membranes. Over time, these effects can harm the liver and kidneys.

If grains or nuts look moldy, discolored or shriveled, or if they have an unusual smell, it's best to err on the side of caution and throw them out. Aflotoxins, especially, are known to be potent cancer-causing agents, so they have no safe level of exposure.

> **Many spoiled foods contain organisms that produce toxins so though there are no absolute guidelines, here is what you should know**

Fruits

Fruits can also harbor mycotoxins. When they become bruised or overripe, or are stored in damp conditions, mold can easily take hold and begin producing these harmful substances.

One biggie is a blue mold called Penicillium expansum, which is best known for infecting apples but also attacks pears, cherries, peaches and other fruit. This fungus produces patulin, a toxin that interferes with key enzymes in cells to hobble normal cell functions and generate unstable molecules called reactive oxygen species that can harm DNA, proteins and fats.

In large amounts, patulin can injure major organs such as the kidneys, liver, digestive tract and immune system.

P. expansum's blue and green cousins, Penicillium italicum and Penicillium digitatum, are frequent flyers on oranges, lemons and other citrus fruits. It's not clear whether they produce dangerous toxins, but they taste awful.

It is tempting to just cut off the moldy parts of a fruit and eat the rest. However, molds can send out microscopic, rootlike structures called hyphae that penetrate deeply into food, potentially releasing toxins even in seemingly unaffected bits. Especially for soft fruits, where hyphae can grow more easily, it's safest to toss moldy specimens. Do it at your own risk, but for hard fruits I do sometimes just cut off the moldy bits.

Cheese

Cheese showcases the benefits of controlled microbial growth. In fact, mold is a crucial component in many of the cheeses you know and love. Blue cheeses such as Roquefort and Stilton get their distinctive, tangy flavor from chemicals produced by a fungus called Penicillium roqueforti. And the soft, white rind on cheeses such as Brie or Camembert contributes to their flavor and texture.

On the other hand, unwanted molds look fuzzy or powdery and may take on unusual colors. Greenish-black or reddish molds, sometimes caused by Aspergillus species, can be toxic and should be discarded. Also, species such as Penicillium commune produce cyclopiazonic acid, a mycotoxin that disrupts calcium flow across cell membranes, potentially impairing muscle and nerve function. At high enough levels, it may cause tremors or other nervous system symptoms. Fortunately, such cases are rare, and spoiled dairy products usually give themselves away by their sharp, sour, rank odor.

As a general rule, discard soft cheeses such as ricotta, cream cheese and cottage cheese at the first sign of mold. Because these cheeses contain more moisture, the mold's filaments can spread easily. Hard cheeses, including cheddar, Parmesan and Swiss, are less porous. So cutting away at least one inch around the moldy spot is more of a safe bet – just take care not to touch the mold with your knife.

(Brad Reisfeld, Colorado State University, The Conversation)

MIRRORLIGHTS

Tongue may hold clues to detect, track motor neurone disease: Study

Scanning MRI of a person's tongue may help in the early detection and ongoing monitoring of Motor Neurone Disease (MND), a neurodegenerative disease, according to a study.

Researchers from the University of Queensland in Australia found that people living with MND, also known as ALS, who have difficulty speaking or swallowing tend to have smaller tongue muscles.

This could serve as an early indication of neurodegenerative disease, said Dr Thomas Shaw from the varsity's School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. "There are eight interconnected muscles in our tongues, each with a different role, allowing us to eat, swallow, and speak. But for someone with a motor neuron disease, the tongue muscles -- like many others in the body -- progressively weaken and sadly, waste away," Shaw said.

"Being able to detect and track this symptom early would help patients and clinicians, especially with interventions like early access to clinical trials," he added.

While studying tongue muscles inside the mouth of a person living with MND has traditionally been difficult and invasive, the team examined more than 200 historical MRI scans, including some of people living with MND, for the study.

"Applying a combination of AI-assisted and advanced imaging techniques, we were able to get precise measurements of tongue muscle volume and shape," Shaw said. "Cross-sectional comparisons showed significant differences between the scans of people with MND and those without," he added. The research, published in Computers in Biology and Medicine, confirmed previous study findings about MND symptoms.

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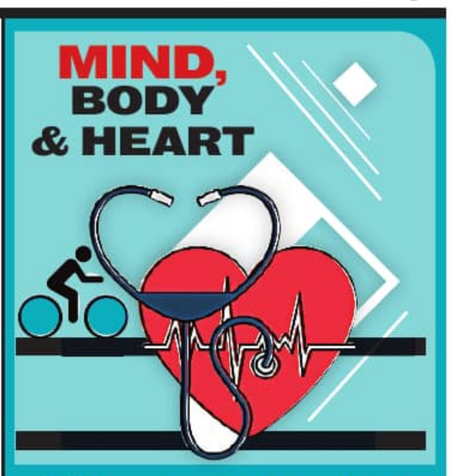

All you need to know about...

Menopausal stages

Early symptoms
Perimenopause manifests differently for every woman, but common early indicators include:

- **Changes in menstrual cycle** – irregular periods, shorter or longer cycles, heavier or lighter bleeding.
- **Physical symptoms** – hot flashes, night sweats, fatigue, and sleep disturbances.
- **Emotional changes** – mood swings, irritability, or anxiety.
- **Other subtle signs** – vaginal dryness, reduced fertility, decreased libido, and changes in skin or hair texture.

How To Manage Transition
Lifestyle choices play a crucial role in easing perimenopausal discomfort. Gynaecologist Dr. Maya PL Gade recommends:

- Regular exercise to support hormonal balance and bone strength.
- Balanced nutrition with calcium-rich and protein-dense foods.
- Adequate sleep and stress management through yoga, meditation, or mindfulness.
- Open communication with a healthcare provider to explore options like hormonal or non-hormonal therapies for symptom relief.

Menopause Timeline
Menopause doesn't occur overnight, it unfolds in distinct stages:

- **Perimenopause:** Begins in the late 40s to early 50s, lasting 2 to 5 years. Hormone fluctuations cause the first noticeable symptoms.
- **Menopause:** The point when menstrual periods have stopped for 12 consecutive months, typically around age 51.
- **Postmenopause:** Follows menopause, with hormone levels stabilising at a low level. This stage can bring increased risks of bone loss and cardiovascular changes, making regular health check-ups important.

Why Awareness Matters
Being informed about the menopause timeline allows women to approach this phase proactively. It can also help manage symptoms and maintain physical comfort.

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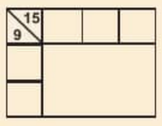
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



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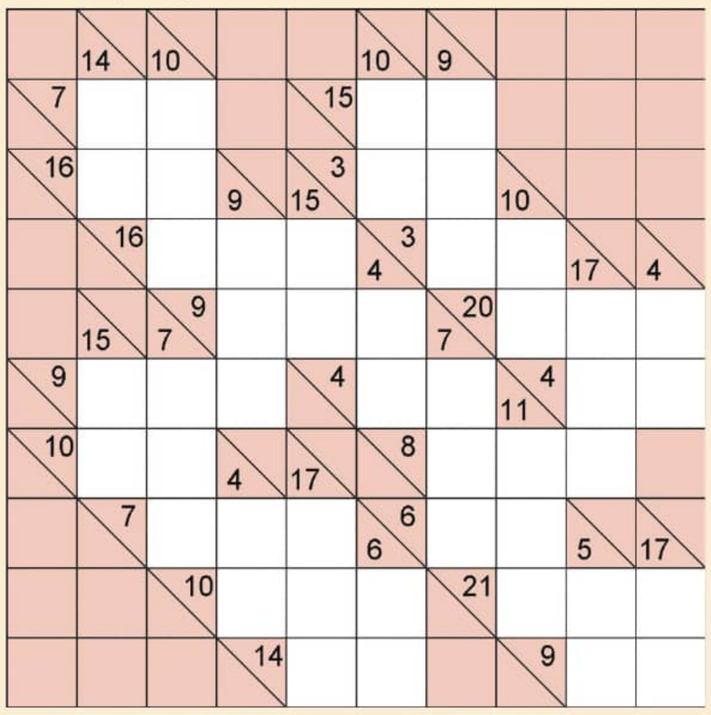

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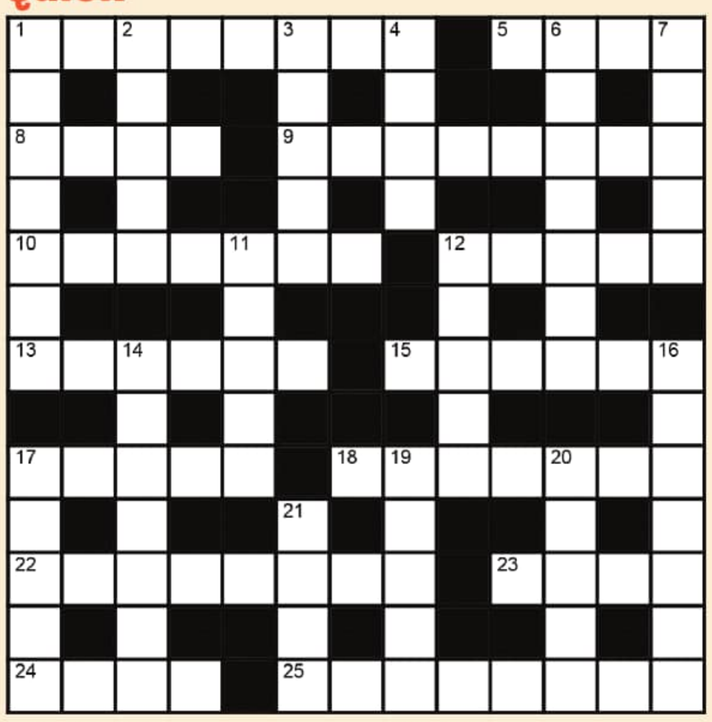


ACROSS

1 Landed from a ship? (8)
5 Mine car (4)
8 Forehead (4)
9 Comprehended or understood (8)
10 Gets (7)
12 Rob or purloin (5)
13 Wins all games (6)
15 Befuddled (6)
17 Quick and energetic (5)
18 Its capital is Quito (7)
22 Outdoor meal (8)
23 A circle abbreviated as "about" in Latin? (4)
24 Church section (4)
25 Participants (8)

DOWN

1 Doubtful, uncertain (7)
2 Leg up (5)
3 Mrs. Anupam Kher? (5)
4 Expensive (4)
6 ___ Market: Market In Shivajinagar (7)
7 Artist's subject (5)
11 State indirectly (5)
12 Hindu ascetic (5)
14 Sells abroad (7)
16 Calls the shots on the set (7)
17 Striped equine (5)
19 Large strong box (5)
20 Condescend (5)
21 A measure of area (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: J EQUALS U

DRJ XBIBA PXRL SRL Z SRAKB LHVV MJVV JXWHV DRJ SRRP SHE JM WR Z SBZID VRZC.

Linemaro

Did you invent the airplane? Cause you seem Wright for me.

Mind chow

It is always wise to look ahead, but difficult to look further than you can see

Joke of the day

The photographer was positioning my new husband and me for our wedding photos when he asked, "Have you ever modeled?" My cheeks instantly turned red. "No, I haven't," I said. "But I always thought ..." The photographer interrupted me: "I meant him."

Loop

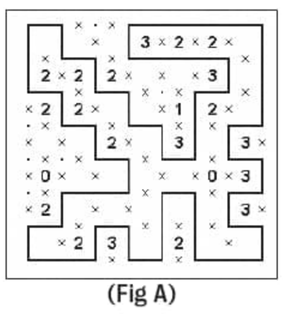
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

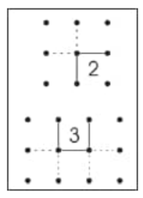
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

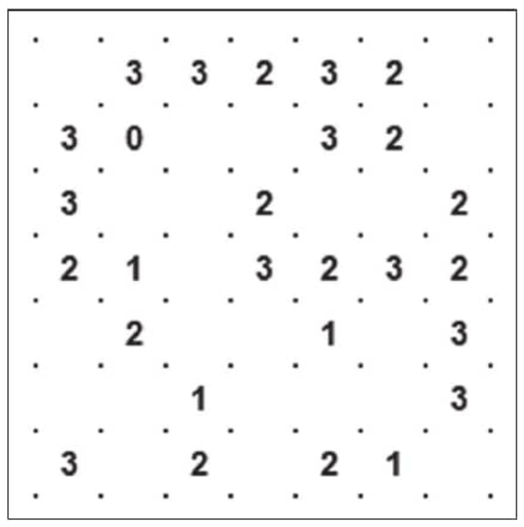
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



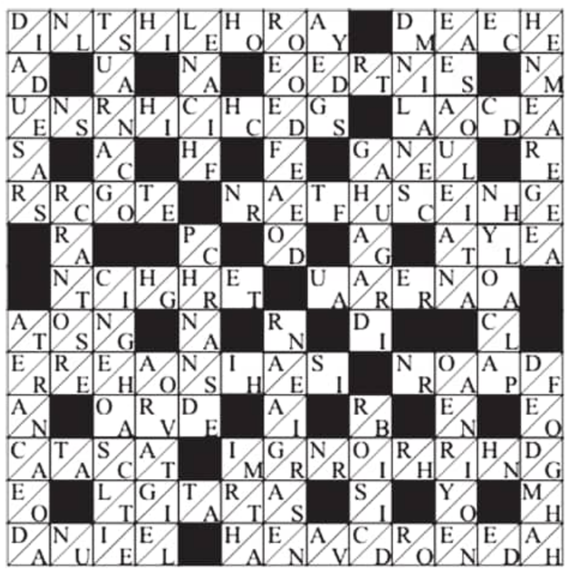
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



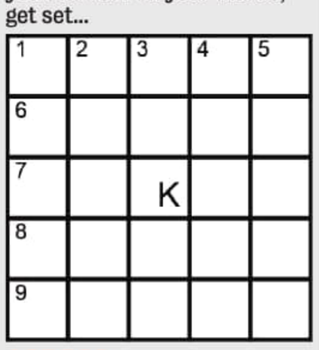
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

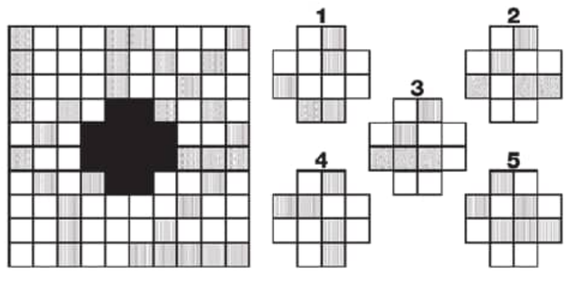
1 OK Bab; 6 Samoa;
7 Skit l; 8 So gee;
9 Or wry

DOWN

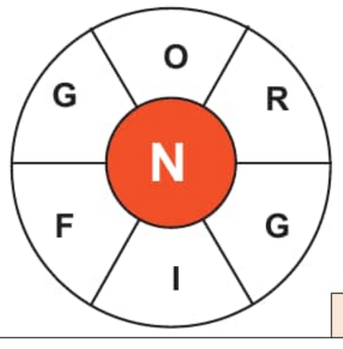
1 Two OK; 2 Mi Goa;
3 Break; 4 So ire;
5 Abyss

Mensapuzzle

Which segment fills the missing gap to complete the puzzle?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

06 Average; **07** Good; **09** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

2								4
	6		4		3		9	
9			6		5			2
		8	1	4	2	5		
		9				4		
		5	7	9	6	3		
8			5		1			7
	3		9		7		5	
5								3

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 11

4 5 7 9

Medium = 9

2 4 6 9

Hard = 49

3 4 6 8

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

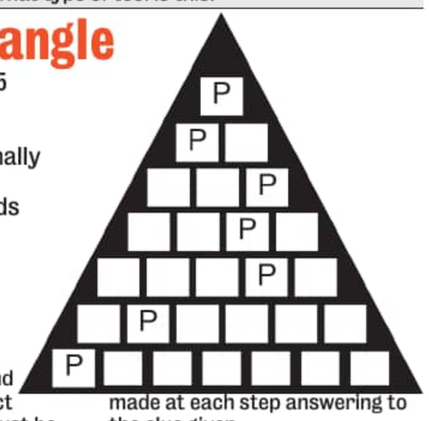
Differences: 1. Arm is longer. 2. Hand is moved. 3. Pocket is larger. 4. Car door handle is added. 5. Window is added to building. 6. Pen is added to hand.

Riddler

This is considered by some to be the ultimate tool. With its waterproof properties, it was quickly adopted for a specific military application when originally introduced. The US Government also has recommended that all homes have it available. Along with its waterproof properties, it is known for its superior bonding, is heat resistant, and is extremely strong. It is easy to use with no training required, and is widely available in various sizes and colors. NASA thinks so highly of this, it is included on every flight that leaves the launch pad. No home, military unit, or spacecraft should be without it. What type of tool is this?

Alpha triangle

1 Atomic number 15
2 European river
3 Bribe
4 Policemen informally
5 Karate blows
6 Distinctive periods
7 Hunts illegally



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

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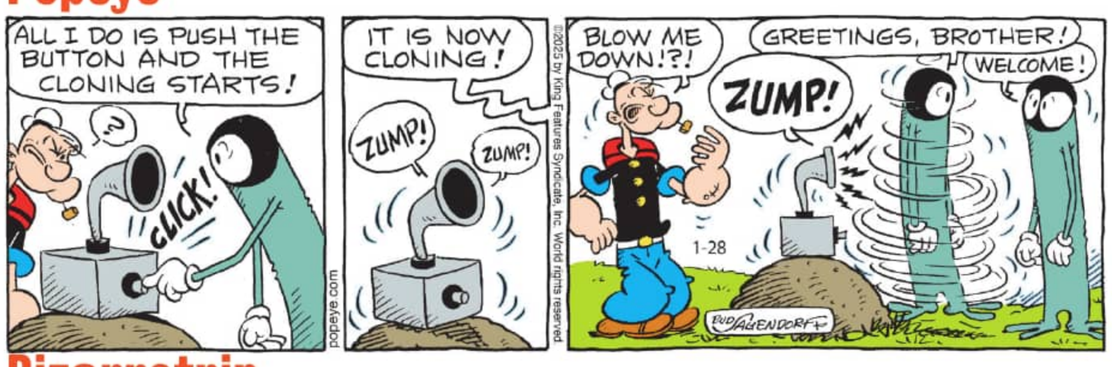

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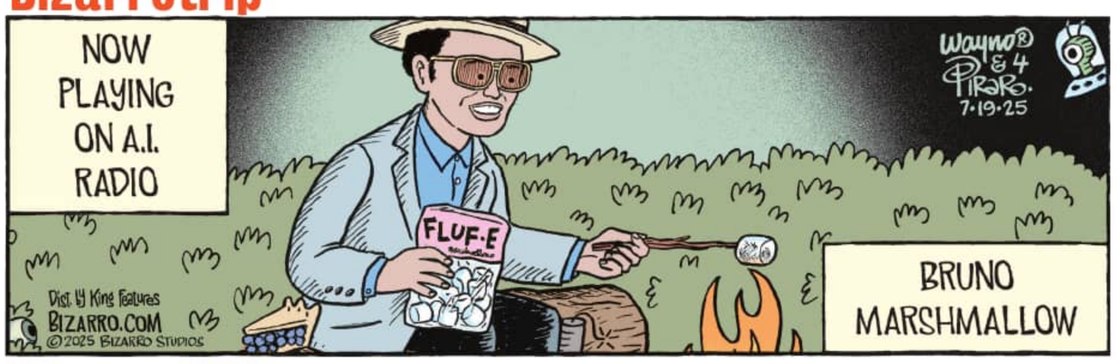

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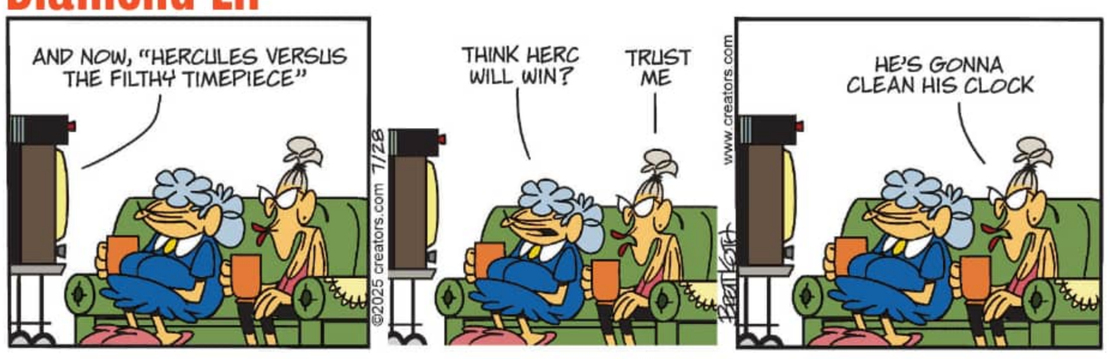

Hart of the city

I WANT THE BOTTOM BUNK.
NO. I NEED THE BOTTOM BUNK CUZ I NEED COMPLETE DARKNESS TO FALL ASLEEP.
FINE. THEN I WANT THE DESK BY THE WINDOW.
FINE.
SEE, DANA, COMPROMISE ISN'T THAT BAD!
I SOUND LIKE MY MOM...
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Crankshaft

'WHEN THE OPTION CONTRACT ARRIVED, I RAN TO AN APARTMENT ACROSS THE STREET TO TELL A FRIEND...'
'HIS DREAM WAS TO BE A ROCK MUSICIAN... AND WHEN I SHARED MY GOOD NEWS, A BARELY PERCEPTIBLE LOOK CROSSED HIS FACE LIKE THE NICTITATING MEMBRANE IN A BIRD'S EYE, AND HE SAID: 'MY CHANCE IS COMING, TOO...'"
AND IN THAT MOMENT I REALIZED THAT AN UNFORESEEN LINE HAD BEEN DRAWN... AND THAT BETWEEN US THERE WAS NOW A SUBTLE DISTANCE.
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If it's your birthday today

Adventure and imagination define your year ahead. Career growth arrives when you embrace innovative ideas. Finances improve through adaptability. Relationships blossom with honesty and shared curiosity. Creative pursuits inspire joy. Health strengthens when you stay active. Travel, study, or exploration expands your vision. By year's end, you'll feel renewed and inspired.

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20

Family dynamics may feel controlling today. Allow others' input without resistance. Keep an open mind, value their opinions, and respond humbly. Collaboration strengthens relationships.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20

Today highlights family bonds. Nostalgia and shared memories bring joy. Reconnect with someone you've missed — call them, rebuild ties, and cherish old friendships.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21

An old friend may reach out, needing support. Set aside judgements and simply listen. Compassion strengthens bonds. Your empathy matters more than opinions today, helping both of you reconnect meaningfully.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23

It's time for change. Refresh your style with new clothes or a haircut. Bold adjustments spark confidence. Embrace transformation, finding inspiration and perspective you've long overlooked in routines.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23

Friends may feel distant. Take the initiative to mend strained ties. Reflect on who supported you during challenges. Offer apologies, reconnect sincerely, and rebuild trust. Work distractions no longer excuse neglect today.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23

Self-doubt lingers today, yet success remains close. Don't let insecurities block your progress. Focus on your strengths, acknowledge achievements, and silence inner critics. Confidence restores momentum.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22

A family gathering reunites you with relatives. Awkward questions may arise, but confidence carries you through. Stick to familiar company to avoid discomfort, ensuring meaningful connections.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22

Emotions fluctuate today, creating challenges. Avoid reacting impulsively. Stay calm, rational, and patient. Attachment may feel overwhelming, yet this phase will pass. Centre yourself with perspective.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22

Miscommunication risks arise today. Express needs clearly, avoiding assumptions. Ensure others understand your intentions fully. Strong communication prevents misunderstandings and strengthens bonds.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20

Conflict between loved ones may place you as a mediator. Politely decline deep involvement to avoid straining bonds. Remain neutral, clarify your boundaries, and protect harmony in your relationships by stepping aside.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19

Escaping problems feels tempting, but avoidance brings no solutions. Confide in someone you trust. Sharing concerns offers perspective and guidance, helping you resolve challenges more effectively while relieving emotional weight.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20

Loved ones rely on your guidance. Offer advice gently, without imposing. Support their choices while sharing wisdom. Acting as a compassionate guide inspires trust, fostering respect and stronger connections.

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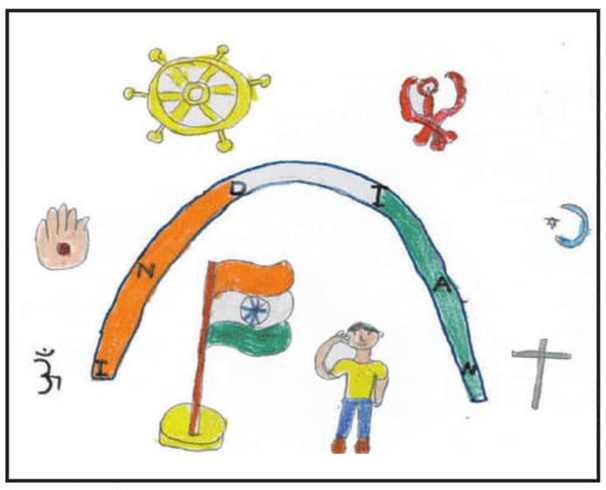

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SOLVE IN 1M

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BULL'S EYE

FORGING, going, gong, goring, grin, gringo, groin, iron, ring

STRIKE OUT

I	N	T	H	E	O	R	Y	■	M	A	C	E	■	■
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FAST FIVE

K	A	B	O	B
O	M	A	S	A
T	I	K	I	S
O	G	E	E	S
W	O	R	R	Y

RIDDLER Duct tape

QUOTE UNCODE

You never know how a horse will pull until you hook him up to a heavy load.

QUICK

D	E	B	A	R	K	E	D	■	T	R	A	M	■	■
U	■	O	■	■	■	E	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
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MENSA PUZZLE

5. Splitting the diagram in half both horizontally and vertically, each quarter contains a pattern of black squares, representing the letters W, X, Y and Z.

SUDOKU

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3	7	8	1	4	2	5	6	9
6	2	9	3	5	8	4	7	1
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7	6	1	4	2	3	8	9	5
5	1	7	2	6	4	9	8	3

ALPHA TRIANGLE

P, Po, Sop, Cops, Chops, Epochs, Pooches.

GO FIGURE

Easy
$9 + 4 - 7 + 5 = 11$
Medium
$2 + 4 + 9 - 6 - 5 = 9$
Hard
$8 \times 6 + 4 - 3 = 49$

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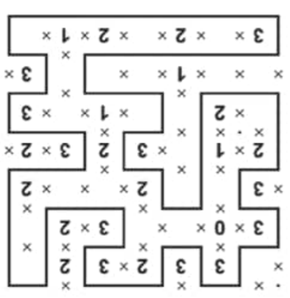

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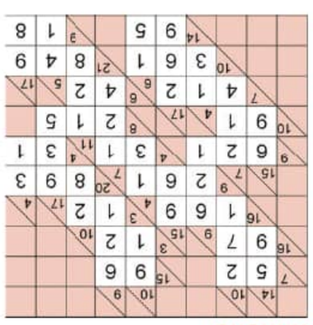

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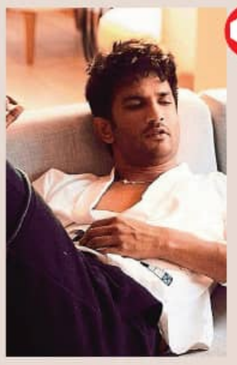
GONE TOO SOON

From Soundarya to Jiah, ETimes remembers stars who were there with us for too little time

Chiranjeevi Sarja
The passing of Kannada actor Chiranjeevi Sarja in 2020 due to cardiac arrest stunned his fans. Chiranjeevi was an actor that brought life to each of his performances with high energy and charisma. Sarja passed away at the young age of forty, a difficult loss for South Indian cinema.

Soundarya
Soundarya was a popular actress in South Indian films, even acting in Hindi cinema, and won a National Award for her performances. On April 17, 2004, she died in a plane crash while flying to Andhra Pradesh for a political campaign. She was 31 years old.

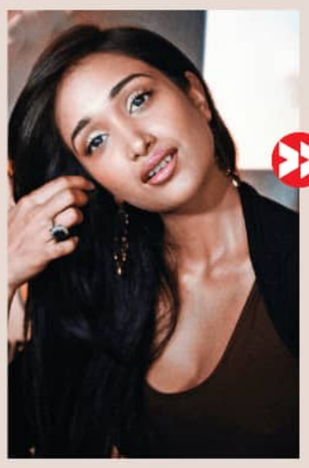


Sushant Singh Rajput
Sushant Singh Rajput was a star who embodied changeability; his journey from television to cinema continues to remind us all to be our true selves and work hard. He began his acting career in 'Kis Desh Mein Hai Meraa Dil' and 'Pavitra Rishta' he made his big-screen debut with 'Kai Po Che!' in 2013. His role as M.S. Dhoni in 'M.S. Dhoni: The Untold Story' kept Rajput in the spotlight. On June 14, 2020, Rajput passed away at the age of 34, leaving the industry broken.

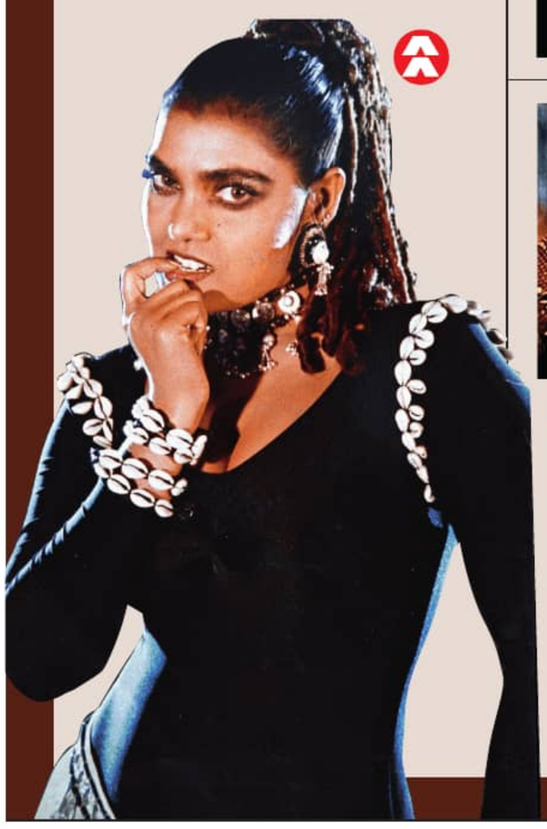
Guru Dutt
Guru Dutt was a visionary filmmaker and actor who gave Indian cinema some of the best classics in 'Pyaasa' and 'Kaagaz Ke Phool'. Much like Smitha, he was brilliant, but had to grapple with personal trauma. He died in 1964 at age 39, reportedly overdosed on sleeping pills, taking from the world one of its greatest cinematic minds.

Divya Bharti
Divya Bharti, a sparkling sensation in the 90s was full of promise with 'Deewana,' 'Shola Aur Shabnam', and 'Balwan'. She rose to stardom at 19 when she fell to her death from her apartment in Mumbai. Her accentuated death in 1993 remains one of Bollywood's greatest tragedies and unsolved mysteries.

Silk Smitha
Silk Smitha, originally named Vijayalakshmi Vadlapati, was the reigning epitome of sexuality in South Indian cinema and appeared in over 200 films. However, behind the glamorous image was a tale of solitude and hardship. Smitha died by suicide in 1996 at the age of 35. She lived life fiercely and richly, but came to a very tragic end.



Jiah Khan
This British-American actress began her career by appearing alongside Amitabh Bachchan in 'Nishabd', and continued to act in 'Ghajini' and 'Housefull'. Her career was bright with promise, and she achieved the rare accomplishment of becoming a celebrity in a country where she had no cultural roots or ties. On June 3, 2013, she was found dead at her residence in Mumbai, with her death ruled to be a suicide, unearthing a multitude of questions about the stresses of being a star.



Madhubala
Madhubala, often called The Venus of Indian Cinema, was pure grace and beauty. Breath-taking and talented despite battling a congenital heart disease, she left her mark in Indian Cinema forever in classic films such as 'Mughal-e-Azam', 'Chalti Ka Naam Gaadi', and 'Mahal'. She passed away at 36 in 1969, but her magnifying films and performances will last for eternity.

Shefali Jariwala
Known for the hit music video 'Kaanta Laga' and her stint in 'Bigg Boss 13', Shefali Jariwala's reported cardiac arrest at 41 stunned the entertainment industry. Her death reignited concerns about rising heart-related fatalities among young actors.

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Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Radheya teaser unveiled

The teaser of Ajay Rao-Sonal Monteiro starrer Radheya was unveiled recently. Vedaguru, who worked as associate for a few directors, debuts as an independent director and producer in Sandalwood with this movie that is scheduled for release on November 21.

Vedaguru said though Radheya is also a name of Karna, this film has nothing to do with the epic. "When I was narrating the script to Ajay Rao, I was just a director. But it was this script that turned me into a producer too. The movie is a love story, but I have tried to make it different," said Vedaguru.

Rao said Radheya will remain a special movie in his career, as it was unique. "Vedaguru is the real hero of this movie. I have bankrolled a few Kannada movies so I know the problems of producers. I play a criminal in the movie who goes to prison," Rao said. Monteiro said she plays a crime reporter for a TV channel. "The crime reporter's ambition is to join a well-known TV channel. I am very happy to be part of the team," she said.

First single unveiled

The first single of Hey Prabhu was unveiled on Tips Kannada YouTube channel recently. The song - Eddelo Eega - is sung by Tejasvi Haridas while Dany Anderson has written the lyrics and scored its music. Venkat Bharadwaj has directed the movie.

"We have completed the post-productions works. The movie is based on a real incident. It is bankrolled jointly by Amrita Film Center and 24 Reels banners while Dr Sudhakar Shetty from Pune is presenting it. The movie revolves around a medical mafia. The movie will highlight how greed for money and corruption among officials affect innocent people, including children. The recent children's deaths due to cough syrup contamination are also inspiration to make this movie," said director Bharadwaj.

Samhita Vinya, who plays the female lead in the movie, said that Hey Prabhu is her 10th movie. "I play a YouTuber in Hey Prabhu while the hero is a doctor. It is quite a different role for me," she said.